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The Honorable Gina McCarthy  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

I write today concerning the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed rule on volume requirements for the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) for 2017.

As the EPA develops rules for the RFS, I believe the agency must consider the intent of Congress founded upon passage of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. The EPA's rules on the RFS for 2017 and future years need to reflect the original intent of the law in order to provide confidence to the American biofuel industry.

Any proposed changes to the RFS should be left up to Congress and not through unilateral rulemaking at the EPA. Moreover, it is important for the EPA to expeditiously finalize proposed rules as previous delays in developing volume requirements have led to uncertainty for the industry, which has impacts on both companies and consumers who take advantage of biofuel opportunities.

Moving forward, I urge you to recognize Congressional intent and promptly finalize 2017 RFS volume requirements. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Cory Gardner  
United States Senator